

1           A few days ago below into the Bill of Rights  
2 a provision that no person in this State shall be denied  
3 equal protection of the laws. There was no statement made  
4 at that time as to what areas this covered. I had assumed  
5 that it covered all areas; that it therefore covers educa-  
6 tion, as well as peace and order, as well as protection  
7 of life and property.

8           What does this provision in this Article do  
9 that that equal protection of the laws do not do?

10           It seems to me that if you start to put redun-  
11 dant language into the Constitution, we raise more ques-  
12 tions of interpretation and application than we get rid of.

13           The wording of this section seems to me to be  
14 extremely obscure. First, we had it say "provided"; now  
15 we have it saying "promote".

16           One of the speakers insisted that this is not  
17 exhortatory language, but it is not obviously either  
18 language that can be justifiably enforced.

19           I suggest for the sake of clarity that we  
20 depend upon the equal protection of the law clause with  
21 respect to equal opportunities and delete this particular